

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A floating water surface cover module for a water storage tailings facility comprising a rim portion and a cover portion, means for giving buoyancy to the module ~~such that~~ what in use ~~such that~~ the rim portion is substantially submerged in the water, said cover portion being configured to define an air space above the water when in use, said buoyancy means including at least one air-filled buoyancy pocket associated with the rim and/or the cover portion, said rim and/or cover portion being configured to allow the module to be nested within and stacked with like modules for storage or transportation.
2. (original) The module of claim 1, wherein the rim portion has an outwardly stepped formation which allows the cover portion and part of the rim portion of one module to nest within an overlying module to form a stack.
3. (currently amended) The module of claim 1 ~~[[or 2]]~~, wherein the buoyancy means includes a plurality of air-filled pockets spaced around the rim portion, each pocket ~~being formed~~ configured to nest in a corresponding indentation in the cover portion and/or rim portion when the modules are stacked.
4. (currently amended) The module of ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein ~~[[the or]]~~ each pocket ~~is formed~~ in the cover and rim portions ~~[[as]]~~ is an open pocket ~~which is adapted to be closed by a lid fixed to the cover and rim portions after the pocket(s) are formed to define closed air-filled pocket(s).~~

5. (currently amended) The module of ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the cover portion is dome-shaped.
6. (currently amended) The module of ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the cover portion has a vent opening to equalise [[the]] air pressure in [[the]] air space within the cover.
7. (currently amended) The module of ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the cover portion, rim portion and a substantial part of [[the or]] each air-filled pocket is ~~formed as~~ a unitary plastic molding.
8. (currently amended) The module of ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the height (h_r) of the rim and the depth (χ) of the freeboard portion satisfy the relationship:
- $$0.1 \leq \frac{\chi}{h_r} \leq 0.3 \quad (1)$$
9. (currently amended) The module of ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the diameter to height ratio of the rim ($D:h_r$) and the diameter to height ratio of the domed cover ($D:h_d$) are between 5:1 and 25:1.
10. (new) The module of claim 2, wherein the buoyancy means includes a plurality of air-filled pockets spaced around the rim portion, each pocket configured to nest in a corresponding indentation in the cover portion and/or rim portion when the modules are stacked.
11. (new) The module of claim 2, wherein each pocket in the cover and rim portions is an open pocket adapted to be closed by a lid fixed to the cover and rim portions to define closed air-filled pocket(s).
12. (new) The module of claim 2, wherein the cover portion is dome-shaped.

13. (new) The module of claim 2, wherein the cover portion has a vent opening to equalise air pressure in air space within the cover.

14. (new) The module of claim 2, wherein the cover portion, rim portion and a substantial part of each air-filled pocket is a unitary plastic molding.

15. (new) The module of claim 2, wherein the height (h_r) of the rim and the depth (χ) of the freeboard portion satisfy the relationship:

$$0.1 \leq \frac{\chi}{h_r} \leq 0.3 \quad (1)$$

16. (new) The module of claim 2, wherein the diameter to height ratio of the rim ($D:h_r$) and the diameter to height ratio of the domed cover ($D:h_d$) are between 5:1 and 25:1.

17. (new) The module of claim 3, wherein the height (h_r) of the rim and the depth (χ) of the freeboard portion satisfy the relationship:

$$0.1 \leq \frac{\chi}{h_r} \leq 0.3 \quad (1)$$

18. (new) The module of claim 3, wherein the diameter to height ratio of the rim ($D:h_r$) and the diameter to height ratio of the domed cover ($D:h_d$) are between 5:1 and 25:1.

19. (new) A floating water surface cover module for comprising a rim portion and a cover portion, said cover portion being configured to define when in use an air space above the water with the rim partially submerged in the water, said means for giving buoyancy to the module when in use including at least one buoyancy pocket associated with the rim and/or the cover portion, said rim and/or cover portion being configured to allow the module to be nested within and stacked with like modules for storage or transportation.

20. (new) The module of claim 19, wherein the height (h_r) of the rim and the depth (χ) of the freeboard portion satisfy the relationship:

$$0.1 \leq \frac{x}{h_r} \leq 0.3 \quad (1)$$

21. (new) The module of claim 19, wherein the diameter to height ratio of the rim ($D:h_r$) and the diameter to height ratio of the domed cover ($D:h_d$) are between 5:1 and 25:1.